

HUNDREDS DEAD
IN NEW QUAKE,
CENTRAL ITALY

Almost a Repetition of the Messina Catastrophe and the Official Death List Runs Up to 500 Today.

KING VICTOR GOES
TO DEVASTATED PART

Many People, Driven From Home by Fear of Continued Disturbance, Are Camped in the Fields.

Naples, Italy, June 7.—Probably 200 perished and \$2,000,000 of property was destroyed by an earthquake early this morning. The quake shook the town of Avellino, fifty miles east of this city, and extended throughout the provinces of Campania, Basilicata and Calabria. The quake was the worst since Messina. The details are meagre, as many of the wires are down; but it is possible that the death estimate is too small. Dispatches from Rome to-day say the government has appropriated \$100,000 for the sufferers. Troops are rushing to the scene.

REPORTS FROM ROME
SAY 500 ARE DEAD

King Victor Hurries to the Distressed Section to Lend What Assistance He Can to the Sufferers.

Rome, June 7.—The worst earthquake since the Messina calamity shook central Italy last night. Thirty are dead in Calabria, and it is believed that many more are in the ruins. Avellino, with a population of 30,000, and Velletri were hit. Ten are dead at Sansepolcro and eleven at Castelbarone. Hundreds of others were injured, and in scores of cities and villages people were driven from their homes and are camping in the fields.

King Victor has left for the scene and will probably go to Calabria through the heart of the stricken district. Official reports have been received of 300 dead, but the wires are down and the details of the earthquake are not complete.

SPECIAL MESSAGE
ON THE RATE BILL

President Taft Recommends a Slight Change in the Railroad Bill, Now Before Congress—He Outlined Steps.

Washington, D. C., June 7.—Recommending that the provision of the bill giving the interstate commerce commission power to suspend the increased railroad rates, pending an investigation, to be made effective upon its passage, President Taft sent a special message to-day to Congress, outlining the steps in the railway rate dispute, which has been the subject of conferences with the heads of the railway systems.

Delano of Washash and Ripley of Santa Fe were pleased and will leave for Chicago, agreeing to get the presidents of other western roads to stop their increase rates until after Congress acts on the rate bill. Brown of the New York Central and McCord of Pennsylvania will see President Taft to-day in an effort to reach an agreement applying to eastern roads.

TRIED TO STOP WEDDING.

Woman Did Not Succeed, However, and Wroblinsky Was Married.

Fall River, June 7.—When Alois Wroblinsky and Frances Kot of 827 T. Church street arrived at St. Stanislaus church yesterday, they found an obstruction to their marriage. In the person of a woman who claimed to have been married to Wroblinsky in Austria several years ago.

This woman went so far as to employ a constable to arrest the respective groom, in the event of his marrying Miss Kot. Wroblinsky objected to the marriage being postponed, and he proved to the satisfaction of the priest and the constable that he was never married before and the woman who sought to prevent the marriage was prompted by spite. The wedding took place without any further interference.

HAS FASTED THREE WEEKS.

New York Doctor Tries to Prove Mind Rules Body.

New York, June 7.—Dr. Gustav A. Cayser finished yesterday the third week of the fast he has undertaken to prove that the mind rules the body. He weighs 185 pounds, 27 pounds less than when he began.

STIRRED UP
ENTHUSIASM

Roosevelt Spoke at Oxford University Today

LAST LECTURE IN EUROPE

Speaking on "Biological Analogies in History," He Said He Hoped England and America Would Always Stand.

Oxford, Eng., June 7.—In ancient Magdalen college, part of Oxford university, ex-President Roosevelt gave his last European lecture to-day, on "Biological Analogies in History." Considerable enthusiasm was shown by the great audience. The ex-president was accompanied by Ambassador Whiteley Reid. The keynote of the lecture was that if England and America fell it would be because they lost their "fighting" edge.

He said also: "The foreign policy of a great and self-respecting country should be conducted on exactly the same plane of honor, of insistence upon one's own rights and of respect for the rights of others, as when a brave and honorable man is dealing with his fellows. Permit me to support this statement out of my own experience. For nearly eight years I was the head of a great nation and charged especially with the conduct of its foreign policy; and during those years I took no action with reference to any other people on the face of the earth that I would not have felt justified in taking as an individual in dealing with other individuals."

In concluding his lecture, Mr. Roosevelt used these words: "I believe that we of the great civilized nations of to-day have a right to feel that long careers of achievement lie before our several countries. To each of us is vouchsafed the honorable privilege of doing his part, however small, in that work. Let us strive hard for success even if by so doing we risk failure, pursuing the poorer souls of small endeavor, who know nothing of failure nor success. Let us hope that our own blood shall continue in the land, that our children and children's children to endless generations shall arise to take our places and play a mighty and dominant part in the world. But whether this be denied or granted by the years we shall not see. At least the satisfaction be ours that we have carried forward the lighted torch in our own day and generation. If we do this, then, as our eyes close, and we go out into the darkness, and other hands grasp the torch, at least we can say that our part has been borne well and valiantly."

FIRE WIPES OUT
NEWSPAPER PLANT

Destruction of Home of the New Haven, Conn., Union Is Laid to a Political Opponent—Loss Was \$35,000.

New Haven, Conn., June 7.—The New Haven Union, the leading Democratic newspaper, was burned out by an incendiary fire this morning, and the loss is \$35,000. The fire was supposedly a political opponent of the paper. He climbed the fire escape and set the blaze on the top floor of the building.

MISSING MAN SOUGHT.

Salesman Disappears Leaving Jewelry Worth \$10,000 in Hotel.

Boston, June 7.—The Boston police have been asked to assist in solving the mystery of the disappearance of Frank J. Foster, a jewelry salesman of Somerville, N. J., who disappeared May 12 from his room in the Parker house, leaving \$10,000 worth of jewelry's samples.

Foster is employed by the Traub Jewelry company, of 305 Woodward avenue, Detroit, Mich., and he arrived in this city about May 8, registering at the Parker house. He was seen passing in and out several times by hotel employees, but he disappeared on the 12th and has not been seen since.

After a week, hotel employees cleared out the room and returned his effects to his home and to the company which he represented, and it was later learned that nothing whatever was missing. The value of the samples, the owner said, was about \$10,000.

Mrs. E. A. Foster of Somerville, N. J., was in Boston to-day and asked the police to do what they could to find her son. He is described as being about 20 years old, five feet, ten inches in height, dark complexion, dark moustache and he wore good clothing.

WATERVILLE STRIKE ENDS.

Carpenters in Maine City Accept Arbitration Decision.

Waterville, Me., June 7.—By the decision of an arbitration committee of 11 members, one of them the Rev. J. M. Frost of the Pleasant Street Methodist church, the strike of the local carpenters was settled yesterday. The men being granted their demand. An agreement providing for the arbitration of future disputes, was also signed.

At the Maine Central railroad's car shops here an increase of two and one-half cents an hour was granted to most of the 300 employees, who had demanded five cents.

GIVEN \$50 ALIMONY.
Capt. E. H. Miller of Brandon Ordered to Pay It To His Wife.

Rutland, June 7.—Judge A. A. Hall of St. Albans stopped here yesterday, while on his way to Bennington to open a session of Bennington county court to-day, to hear several chancery cases. Another chapter has developed in the divorce proceedings of Capt. E. H. Miller of Brandon, a well known national guardsmen and Mrs. Miller. Both parties brought a bill and after being continued from time to time the whole affair was discontinued at the last term of court, as was a case for alienation of affections brought on the divorce proceedings. Now Mrs. Jennie B. Miller, the captain's wife, brings a bill for separate support and at a preliminary hearing yesterday the court ordered that her husband pay her \$50 a week until further notice.

Another important case heard was the contempt proceedings instituted by the state board of health against Mark Tonnery, George W. Sawney and Michael J. Rooney on the ground that they violated an injunction restraining them from polluting the Rutland water supply. This case has been partly heard twice. Judge Hall having made a trip to the watersheds to examine conditions.

SPECULATION LED
TO HIS DOWNFALL

Postmaster Arthur Charles of North Conway, N. H., Will Be Charged With a Shortage of \$5,000.

North Conway, N. H., June 7.—Charged with a shortage of \$5,000 in his official accounts, Postmaster Arthur Charles of North Conway will be arraigned before the U. S. commissioner at Portsmouth to-day or to-morrow. Charles, who is now in the custody of Deputy Sheriff E. C. Sanvey, is said to have followed the stock market for a year or so.

He is about 28 years old and unmarried, and has been postmaster for five years. He is a Mason of high degree and has been prominent in church work. Postoffice inspectors, Stems of Concord, are at work upon the case.

NIGHTSHIRT PARADE.
Started Commencement Festivities at Vermont Academy.

Saxtons River, June 7.—To end the baseball and track season of Vermont academy, a monster celebration was held to-day. A nightshirt parade was one of the features and a cannon firing and a huge bonfire added to the excitement.

At the bonfire, speeches were made by men prominent in athletics and by members of the faculty. Not for many years has there been such a display of enthusiasm as was manifested.

Vermont academy commencement exercises opened here last night with the "debate for the Barrett prizes and the annual music festival. The debate prizes were won by Miss Emma A. Hunt of North Charlestown, first, and Miss Blanche Bacon of Bellows Falls, second. The judges were Rev. Edward A. Mason of Saxtons River, Miss Merrill of Bellows Falls and Miss Lillian Buck of Saxtons River. The subject of the debate was "Resolved: That the federal government should own and operate the railroads of the United States." The other two debaters were Miss Florence Kingsbury of Saxtons River and Miss Ruth Kendall.

The musical festival was as follows: Female fifth symphony, Beethoven, Miss N. P. Symphonist, first piano, Miss Helen Jewell, second piano, Pleasantville, Schumann, Miss Nina G. Shepardson, vocal solo, Louise Scordale, Massillon, Marks, Miss Miriam Nichols, quartet, Misses Dolly M. Thynne, Helen G. Spaulding, Florence M. Butler, Miriam Nichols. The Barrett prizes are annually given by the Hon. John Barrett, director of the bureau of American republics, who is a trustee of the academy.

FAMILY ESCAPES
HOLY GHOSTS

Woman and Four Children, Said to Have Been Deprived of Their Liberty.

Released from Yacht by Sheriff.

Portland, Me., June 7.—Detained against their wills, according to letters written to relatives, Mrs. Florence Whitaker, wife of A. A. Whitaker, formerly of Presque Isle, and their four children, Edna, Josina, Daniel and Eliza, were taken from the yacht Kingdom, of the "Holy Ghost and Us" fleet yesterday afternoon, off Great Chebeague island, and brought to this city by Sheriff M. W. Trefethen.

It is alleged they have been imprisoned and restrained of their liberty by Frank W. Sanford, the society's leader, since the Kingdom returned from Palestine on May 18.

The Kingdom was armed with a writ of habeas corpus, issued at Auburn by Associate Justice Albert R. Savage, on complaint of Nathan H. Harriman of Cambridge, Mass. The woman and four children will be produced in court on Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Whitaker was one of the colony that was established in Palestine several years ago but lately, it is said, she has been endeavoring to get home.

Her husband, a preacher in the Sanford time, has been using his best endeavors to induce her to remain, it is claimed. The eldest child is 16 years old.

S. McGinn of St. Albans is a business visitor in the city to-day.

HOODS AGREE
IN MILK WAR

Which Means Virtual Collapse of Contention

WILL PAY WINTER PRICES

To-day's Conference Are Expected to End the Contention, as Far as Boston Contractors Are Concerned.

Boston, June 7.—A partial settlement of the "milk war," which has been waged between Boston milk contractors and New England producers during the last few weeks, was reached last yesterday, when one of the large contracting firms signed an agreement with representatives of its producers.

The firm concerned is H. P. Hood & Sons, and by the terms of the agreement the producers are to receive the winter prices for their milk for the ten months commencing July 1 next, while the price for the present month will be the same as that paid them in June of last year. At the office of the Hood company, the following statement was issued last night:—

"At a conference to-day between H. P. Hood & Sons and Mr. Davis of Canaan, N. H., Mr. Lock of Bar Mills, Me., Mr. Dean of Grafton, N. H., and Mr. McNally of Lancaster, N. H., representing the producers who furnish milk to the Hood company on contract, a mutually satisfactory agreement was reached.

"Last winter's price is to be paid for milk for the ten months commencing July 1. The price for this month will be the same as paid for June last year. Cans will be sent out as soon as possible, and all producers are requested to resume shipments as soon as they can conveniently do so."

It is expected that the Whiting will reach some agreement with the producers to-day. A conference was held yesterday afternoon, and it was hoped that an agreement similar to that made with the Hood would be made last night. It was impossible to get representatives of all the companies controlled by the Whiting into the conference, however. Mr. Graustein was in New York yesterday.

The milk that will come to Boston as a result of the partial settlement of the strike will take the place of a supply from New York and more remote places. This will result in immediate improvement in quality, it is admitted.

The strike is regarded as practically settled. While the contractors have carried on negotiations with the farmers entirely independent of each other, it is thought certain that the attitude of the Hood firm will bring the other contractors to a settlement.

The milk strike began 37 days ago. It was the largest movement of its kind that had taken place.

In 1901 the New England milk producers asked the Boston contractors to abolish the contract clauses which provided for an automatic reduction of the price under certain conditions of surplus, and also gave the contractors the power to change the price under normal conditions without the consent of the producer. The producers also sought more money for their milk. The strike of 1901 lasted 10 days, the farmers winning their fight against the objectionable clauses in their contracts, but losing in their effort to secure a higher price.

"This is the biggest co-operative movement in this country," said Secretary Hunter last night. "It has demonstrated how the New England farmers will stand together for what they believe to be a just cause and for a principle. It has been wonderful how the farmers have stood by the officers of their association in this fight, and I wish the newspapers would convey to these men the heartfelt thanks of their officers for their splendid assistance to us in this all-important fight."

MILK BILL PASSED.

Massachusetts Senate Provides Protection for Boston.

Boston, June 7.—The Tinkham bill, providing that no milk shall be sold in Boston except with a permit from the board of health, was re-committed and passed in the Massachusetts Senate yesterday by a vote of 22 to 13.

The milk producers' liability bill was finally passed to a third reading, with an amendment offered by Senator Greenwood, which removed the provision which gave the producer ten days after the twenty days allowed him to bring milk up to standard before he could be prosecuted for failure to do so.

BRATTLEBORO MAN ARRESTED.

Taken by Police in Holyoke, Mass., Says He Is Allen Conwell.

Holyoke, Mass., June 7.—A young man giving his address as Allen Conwell of 1 Vernon street, Brattleboro, Vt., was arrested by the Holyoke police about 2:30 yesterday afternoon while trying to dispose of two mileage books on the R. & M. R. R. at a second-hand store on Main street.

To Inspector Cullen he said the books belonged to him, but later claimed they were loaned to him by W. L. Wallace of Brattleboro, in whose name they were made out. The police believe Conwell left Brattleboro late Saturday.

YOUNG FOR HER YEARS.
Sarah Ann Hand of Peacham Observed Her 91st Birthday.

Peacham, June 7.—Many young and old persons, and of the latter the town has more than a few, united yesterday in celebrating the 91st birthday of Miss Sarah Ann Hand, an honored resident, who has spent a long and fruitful life here. For the last two years she has been crippled with rheumatism, but her mind is keen and alert. In recognition of her birthday and as a surprise to her the Sixty club held a meeting yesterday afternoon.

Miss Hand was born in Peacham, June 8, 1819, the youngest of six children of Mr. and Mrs. Asahel Hand. Her father was born in Bethel, Conn., the son of Elias Hand, a soldier in the American Revolution. On her mother's side, too, Miss Hand is entitled to membership in one of the patriotic societies. Her mother was Laura Hand, born in Woodbury, Conn., having been granddaughter of Nathan Hale, a Revolutionary soldier.

Miss Hand is very proud of her ancestry. She is the last survivor of her family and makes her home with her niece, Misses Laura and Sarah Bailey. Sarah Bailey is a teacher in Cambridge, Mass., during the winter, but spends her summer here.

CAN'T LIVE WITH HIM
Beside, Mrs. Helen M. Hayes Wants \$50 a Week Alimony.

Burlington, June 7.—The divorce petition of Helen M. Hayes vs. James R. Hayes was entered yesterday in Chittenden county court, the petitioner residing in this city and the petitioner in Strafford.

The petitioner sets up that her husband beat her cruelly and at one time choked her, the latter incident occurring May 10. The couple have been married but four months.

The petitioner further sets up that her husband owns two large farms and divers mortgages on other real estate, and divers sums of money in the National bank at National bank in Burlington. The petitioner states that she is unable to work or to support herself or to carry on the litigation for divorce and she asks for temporary alimony of \$50 a week for the purpose of prosecuting the suit.

In partial answer to the petition Judge Stanton has already granted an injunction restraining the petitioner from disposing of or incurring her real estate.

GETTING READY TO SHOOT.

It Will Be Trap Shooting at St. Albans Next Week.

St. Albans, June 7.—The St. Albans Gun club has completed its extensive arrangements for the annual tournament of the Vermont Trap Shooters' league, which will be held in this city on June 14 and 15. The affair has attracted the attention of devotees of the gun from many states, and it is expected that nearly all the crack shots of the country will be on hand, while all the gun teams in the state will compete for the honors and valuable prizes to be awarded. The prizes will be on exhibition at Armstrong's jewelry store. The championship team event is the one that attracts the attention of the various state teams. This was captured last year by Rutland and it is understood that this year, Bennington will make a strong bid to lift the prize. At the last tournament, Mr. Wright of Middlebury, the veteran trap shot, carried off the individual championship event with a score of 80 out of a possible 100, but it will probably take a better score this year to take the prize.

Class day exercises will be held in the school building to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. Directly afterwards Goddard will play Spaulding high on the campus, and in the evening the music department will give the annual concert. Admission to this is free, as to the prize speaking contest Thursday evening at the seminary.

The oration at the alumni day exercises Thursday will be delivered by Rev. Henry D. Stevens, 70, of Sterling, Mass., whose subject will be "The Need of a Higher Type of Educated Men."

A large number of visitors and graduates are expected to attend the exercises, so large that the accommodations at the seminary are not sufficient; therefore, rooms outside are desired. The speakers at the alumni dinner on Thursday will include, Rev. Henry D. Stevens, 70, Rev. J. Harry Holden, 81, of Roxbury, Mass., Rev. J. Edward Wright of Montpelier, State Sup't. of Education M. S. Stone, O. L. Martin, state commissioner of agriculture, George L. Bates for the class of 1890, and Miss Blanche Tilden, president of the association, will give the welcome to the incoming class.

Among the early arrivals for commencement, Mr. Spaulding of St. Johnsbury, father of Ora Spaulding, who graduates this week.

MARSHFIELD.

The meeting of Winoski Valley Pomona grange, occurs at North Calais next Friday, June 10. Let all the grangers remember the change in date.

One of the most pleasing features of this part of the program, will be the presentation of the famous Colorado drill presented by a team of sixteen ladies from the Pythian Sisters arrayed in white costume.

The formal dedication exercises of the new K. of P. block, recently erected by the Marshfield Building association to replace the one destroyed by fire last November, will occur in castle hall, Wednesday evening, June 8, beginning at eight o'clock. There exercises will be in charge of the grand lodge officers, as follows: Grand chancellor, Robert Weir, grand vice chancellor, Sheldon R. Boright, grand palatine, E. C. Pitkin, grand K. of R. & S. C. F. O. Tinker, grand master of exchequer, F. W. Booth, grand master-at-arms, W. C. Heath, grand inner guard, V. Stevens, grand outer guard, E. W. Merrill. The invited guests are cordially invited by the members of Marshfield lodge, each member being permitted to invite one couple.

The social part of the evening's entertainment will be in charge of the following reception committee: S. Swedfeiger, E. C. Pitkin, G. L. Drinnell, J. W. Bouldry and W. O. Southwick.

EXTENSION
IS REFUSED

No Sewer for Upper Merchant St. at Present

CITY COUNCIL DECIDES

Too Big an Expenditure for the Number of People to Be Accommodated Was the Reason Given.

Following an unfavorable report by the street committee on the petition for an extension of the public sewer on Merchant street, presented last week, the city council at its regular meeting last evening, on motion of Alderman Hoyt, voted to accept the report of the street committee, and, therefore, the extension will not be made at this time.

The street committee gave as its reasons for reporting unfavorably on the petition that the extension, as asked for, would have to be 1,600 feet long, and only 215 feet of it is covered by abutting property owners who had signed the petition, and, further, that the conditions here were similar to those at Edgewood, namely, that the nearest city water connection was 800 feet away and the nearest hydrant still farther away, so that there were no means whereby the sewer could be flushed out, providing it became clogged; also that they did not deem it advisable to make such a large expenditure as the extension would require, for so few people as it would accommodate at this time.

The overseer of the poor presented his monthly report for the month of May, showing that he had paid for the support of the poor \$481.15. According to the report of the chief of police for the month of May, 16 arrests were made, as follows: Intoxication 9, breach of the peace 3, truancy 2, search and seizure 1, keeping 1. On recommendation of the building inspector, the following building permits were ordered granted: Guy R. Varum to erect an auto barn on Jefferson street, S. D. Shibley to erect a barn on Beekley street, and Guidici Brothers to erect a two-tenement house on Beekley street.

A resolution appropriating \$20 to the liquor license account from the money received from liquor licenses was read and passed to a second reading. A proposed lease by the city of two rooms in the old town building to the painters' union for one year at \$10 per month was read and accepted.

FORMER BARRE MAN HURT.

Harvey L. Smith, Now of Morris, Minn., Victim of Auto Accident.

The Morris, Minnesota, Sun, of the date of June 2, gives the account of a serious accident to Harvey L. Smith, a resident of Morris, who was formerly one of the prominent citizens and wealthy men of Barre. Mr. Smith was a passenger in an automobile after the Memorial day exercises, a party being carried to Hancock, Minn., and return. When the car was going at about 20 miles an hour, the automobile began to sway, and when the chauffeur tried to get back into the road the machine was overturned, throwing all the occupants out.

Mr. Smith was the only one seriously hurt, and it was found that his left arm was broken above the elbow. Owing to his age, it was thought that Mr. Smith's recovery would be slow, although the paper said he was doing fairly well. He will be remembered by the older residents of Barre. For some time he was the owner of the old "fork shop" plant, which is now the machine manufacturing plant of Trow & Holden.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Conference Will Be Held at Montpelier To-morrow Afternoon.

The conference on weights and measures will meet in Montpelier to-morrow afternoon at 1 o'clock. Governor George H. Prentiss will preside. A representative of the federal government from Washington, also representatives from the scales works in St. Johnsbury and Rutland will be present and address the meeting. County and local officers and all who are interested in honest weights and measures and in additional legislation along these lines are invited to attend.

It is more and more coming to the attention of public officials and persons in trade that there is a great need in thorough revision of the Vermont law in respect to weights and measures in order to bring it into line with the national standard.

SAYS THERE'S GRAFT.

Mayor Burke of Burlington Made Charges Last Night.

Burlington, June 7.—At a lively meeting of the board of aldermen last night, Mayor Burke preferred charges of graft, mismanagement, etc., against the department of charities and primarily against Superintendent Charles Harrington of the poor farm. The mayor said that immoral conditions prevailed among the inmates of that institution. Mayor Burke also made a sensational charge of graft against Dr. P. E. McSweeney, leading physician and member of the board of charities, being based on a charge made by the physician for professional services for Policeman Ryan while in hospital.